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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO AUGUST 28, 2002 FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Reply is submitted in response to the Final Office Action issued on August 28, 2002 in connection with the above-identified application. A Reply is due on November 28, 2002. Applicants are filing this Reply within two months of the mailing date of the August 28, 2002 Final Office Action. Accordingly, this Reply is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 17-18 and 22-24 without disclaimer or prejudice to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a future continuation or divisional application.